

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Sokolov Chemical Works (N 51/P 58) are located to the west of the town of Sokolov and north of the main road between Sokolov and Karlovy Vary. The buildings of the plant are of brick and are about 20 meters high. The plant occupies an area of four hectares and is surrounded by a wooden fence. No special security precautions are taken in the Sokolov Chemical Works. It is guarded by a works militia of unknown strength.
2. The plant produces 130 tons of carbide as a daily average. There are six furnaces in the carbide department; the daily output of the four larger furnaces is 2,760 kg. each, while the two smaller furnaces produce 1,350 kg. each per day. The carbide produced is sorted in the sorting shed and that of good quality is immediately loaded into railroad cars and sent off to an unknown destination. Carbide of lower quality is moved into the nitrate fertilizers department.
3. All the machinery of the plant is old. The plant was not damaged during World War II. A railroad spur from the main station at Sokolov leads to the plant.
4. Technical personnel in the plant is experienced; the quality of products in general is good and there are no rejects.
5. Power is supplied by the plant's own thermo-electric power plant. Coal for the power plant is hauled in by cable cars.
6. There are about 1,800 employees of the plant, 200 of whom are women. Wages average from 4,000 to 5,000 Kcs. per month, but in the carbide department, where work is on a piecework basis, wages average 8,000 Kcs. per month. Morale is rather low because of the low wages paid. The employees of the plant are never sent out on work brigades, but work brigades of 15 people occasionally come to the plant to help out. No political education is given to the employees.

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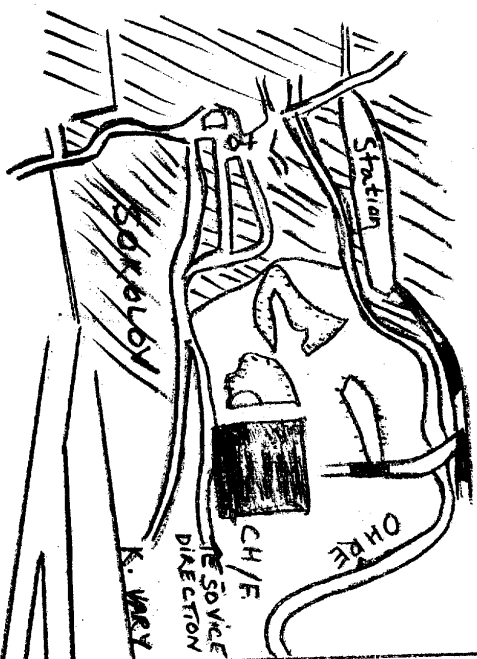
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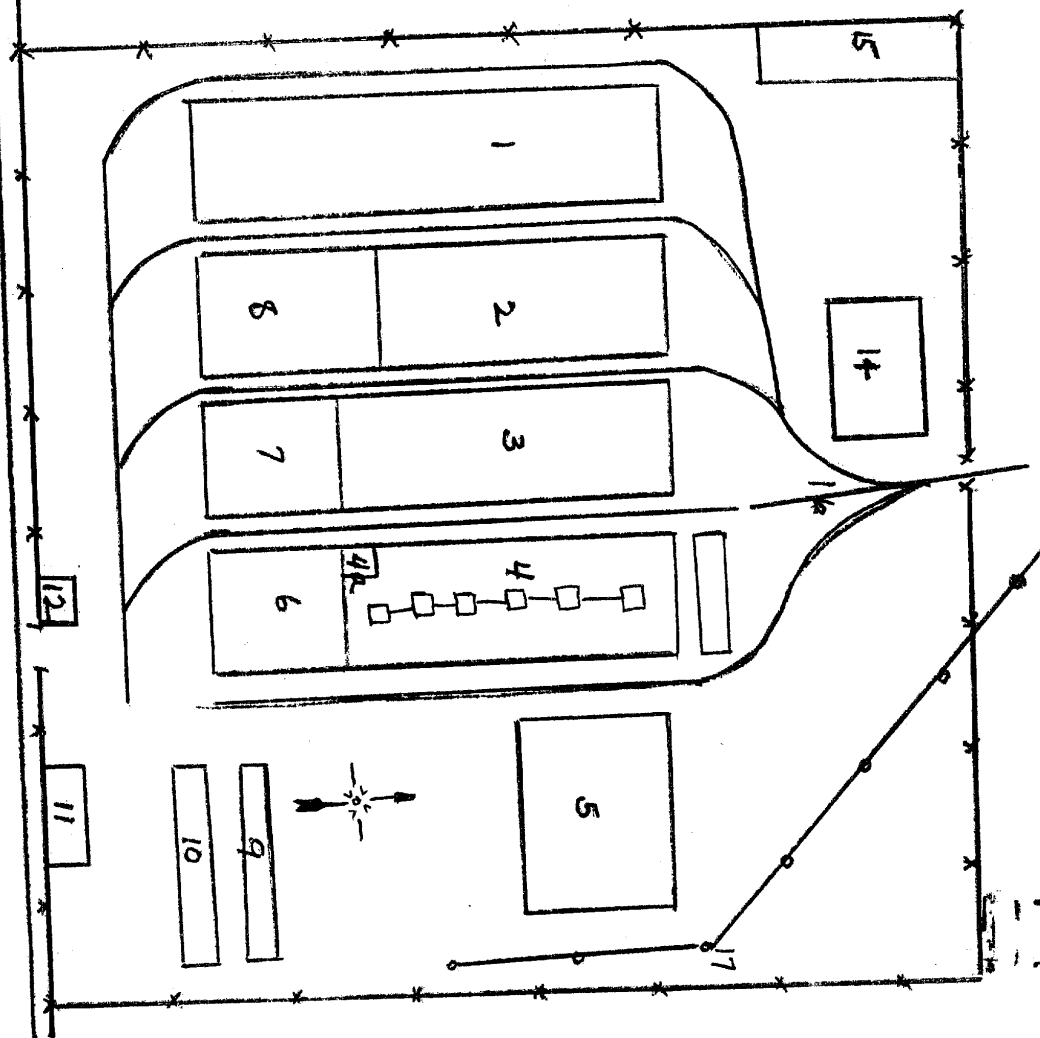
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Legend to sketch of the Sokolov Chemical Works, Sokolov

1. Production of acids.
2. Storage of acid and gas bombs.
3. Production of nitrate fertilizers and loading of products.
4. Carbide production.
- 4a. Chemical laboratory.
5. Boiler house and electric power plant.
6. Assembly hall.
7. Carbide sorting shed.
8. Storage of gas bombs.
9. Prisoners' barracks.
10. Prisoners' barracks.
11. Cookhouse.
12. Guardroom.
13. Offices.
14. Ferrochrome department.
15. Workers' quarters.
16. Railroad spur leading to the Sokolov station.
17. Cable car from coal mines.

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